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SUBJ: FOREIGN SECRETARY COMMENTS ON BRACERO PROBLEM

1. IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY REPORTED IN EXCELSIOR TODAY, RABASA SAID HE WOULD MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER SHORTLY*CONCERNING THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PROBLEM. HE SAID, "WE WILL INSIST THAT MEXICAN MIGRATORY WORKERS BE COMPENSATED AND GIVEN A MORE HUMAN AND JUST TREATMENT." HE ADDED THAT THE PROBLEM IS VERY COMPLEX BECAUSE UNIONS AND AGRICULTURAL WORKER ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESSURING PRESIDENT NIXON THROUGH CONGRESS IN OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF MEXICANS IN THE FIELDS *N THE PRETEXT THAT THERE IS A DISPLACEMENT OF U.S. WORKERS. RABASA SAID, "IN REALITY IF MEXICANS SHOULD NOT DO AGRICULTURAL WORK IN THE U.S., A VERY DIFFICULT AND POORLY PAID WORK, THEY WOULD HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THERE IN HARVESTING THEIR PRODUCTION." HE SAID IN 1973 MORE THAN 600,000 MEXICAN WORKERS WERE DEPORTED *ROM THE U.S.

2. COMMENT: IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT IN HIS LATEST PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE BRACERO ISSUE RABASA HAS EMPHASIZED "JUST AND HUMAN" TREATMENT FOR THE MIGRANT WORKERS
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AND HAS NOT DEMANDED SO ST*ONGLY AS BEFORE AN AGREEMENT

FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF BRACEROS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE
U.S. EACH YEAR.
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